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The Honorable Richard E. Lyng  
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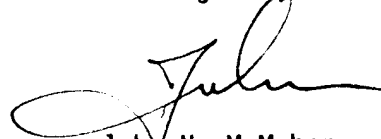
Dick,

A belated congratulations on your appointment as Secretary of Agriculture. You could not have come at a better time for a most difficult job. I think it is quite obvious that everyone, the President and Congress included, have the confidence that your experience and knowledge of this business can help solve some of the problems.

I certainly have missed your presence at the Number Two's dinners the last few times. It is obvious that association groomed you well for being number one.

You have my best wishes for continued success and good luck.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'John', with a large, sweeping flourish extending from the end of the name.

John N. McMahon